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KIADB disburses Rs 4,06,37,828 compensation to four persons 'without verifying documents, ignoring caution from BMRCL'

LA LA LAND ACQUISITION

Police registered first information report on February 3

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The Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) officers are often in the spotlight for all wrong reasons. Somehow, they are always in a terrible hurry to disburse compensation to squatters, tenants and so-called property owners.

The KIADB was in the news when the board's Special Land Acquisition Officer, assigned to acquire land for the construction of a Metro Station in front of Arabic College on Nagawara Main Road, paid off compensation of approximately Rs 60 crore to about 30 squatters living on the said land. Bangalore Mirror reported about it on January 19, 2021 – KIADB's Rs 60-crore 'giveaway' for Metro project.

Now, KIADB has once again hit the headlines for all the wrong reasons. KIADB Special Land Acquisition Officer has disbursed Rs 4,06,37,828 compensation to four people without verifying the documents ignoring the caution from Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) General Manager (Land Acquisition) MS Channappagoudar.

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The distance between ongoing Metro work and the property acquired. The property is on the right side while Metro work is in progress on the left side of Old Madras Road near Benniganahalli; (Inset) A pre-owned car showroom on the land that was acquired for BMRCL

There is no change in status of land acquired for Namma Metro Phase 2B even after 14 months of disbursing compensation

Rise in hit & run cases

Bengaluru records 23 fatal and 92 non-fatal hit and runs in January 2023

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The city is seeing a rise in cases of hit and run and serial accidents. On February 6, another person became the victim of road rage in the city.

An over speeding car collided with two riders on a bike near the Magistrate Court on Nrupathunga Road. The biker died on the spot. The deceased was identified as Majid Khan, 39. The other rider was severely injured as the car ran over his leg.

The driver of the car responsible for the accident has been taken into custody by the police. The injured was admitted to a local private hospital; a case was registered at Halasuru Gate traffic police station.

Bengaluru's been witnessing a significant rise in such cases over the years as the cases in point.

On February 2, a student, Shweta, was hit by a car near RV College on Mysuru Road — she fell 50 metres away. According to the residents who witnessed the accident, the car collided with the student because there was no speed breaker on the road.

As per the data shared by the traffic police with BM, 23 fatal and 92 non-fatal hit and run cases were registered in January 2023, in the city.

Last year saw a significant rise in cases;

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3 THINGS TO DO

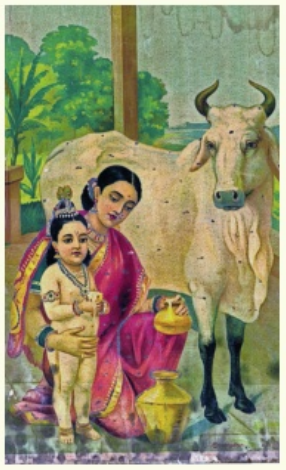
01 Tell a tale

Ranga Shankara's signature storytelling program, Little Cloud is back post the pandemic. A series of intimate storytelling sessions will be held for children in the age group 4-6 years on Saturdays and Sundays at the venue in multiple languages by multiple artists. Tickets are available at the Ranga Shankara Box Office. **Where: Ranga Shankara When: Ongoing, 10:00 am – 11:00 am; Phone: 080 2649 3982**

02 Checkmate, peeps!

Bangalore Chess Club is an open chess community to join and be a part of! Come, play on the board chess with everyone, banter, trash talk and have fun! Bring your chess sets along. **Where: Lahe Lahe; When: February 11, 10 am – 1 pm**

03 In hindsight



Bengaluru's gallery g showcases 'Revelation & Reverences: Glimpses of Indian Art 1850 - 1950'. This three-month-long exhibition will have on display a collection of rare oil paintings, water colours, chromolithographs, litho stones, terracotta dolls and other rare artefacts. The exhibition charts the evolution of India's art history from the mid-19th century to Independent India. **Where: gallery g, Lavelle Road; When: ongoing**

For foreign students, Bengaluru is home

City to be hub for international students with introduction of NEP

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Flexibility, job opportunities, climate are some of the factors behind foreign students flocking to Bengaluru

With the introduction of National Education Policy (NEP) in the state's higher education and improved courses and student-friendly infrastructure, Bengaluru can become a hub for students from foreign countries in the coming years.

Karnataka already has the highest number of foreign students out of all the Indian states, the latest All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) has revealed. According to the report, the state had the highest number of foreign students with 8,137 in the academic year 2020-21, followed by Punjab with 6,557.

However, the experts in higher education say that with the covid-19 restrictions easing around the globe, and the implementation of many new courses and features across the university and colleges in Bengaluru, the intake of foreign students in Bengaluru might double-fold in the coming academic years.

According to K Balaveera Reddy, former Vice Chancellor of Visvesvaraya Technological University, ever since the NEP 2020 was introduced, the concept of holistic and multidisciplinary education has been attracting a lot of students. "The type of flexibility that our colleges are bringing now is very important for the overall personality development of the students. Moreover, many new features like multiple entry and exit options have made the curriculum more appealing for students," he said.

Moreover, the universities in Karnataka have introduced a number of skill enhancement courses for upskilling and reskilling. With the improving quality of educational institutes, the inflow is expected to increase in the future, he added.

With the University Grants Commission (UGC) all set to welcome foreign universities in India and the movements of Indian students to foreign countries rising again after the pandemic, all the higher education institutes are expected to raise the quality of education and infrastructure on par with the foreign universities.

Bengaluru is also home to a number of internationally recognised higher education and research institutes like the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB).

"Karnataka has always seen a huge number of foreign students, not just in Bengaluru but in Mysuru, Mangalore, etc. There is a great scope of placement and employment with the huge industry present. Bengaluru sees a high number of students coming in for professional courses like engineering, medical science, management, etc," said Lingaraj Gandhi, Vice Chancellor of Bengaluru City University (BCU).

More than that, the city has some excellent research institutes like IISc which attracts many students every year. In the coming academic year we should expect many more foreign students, he informed.

Experts added that the geographical placement of the city and the climate might also play an important role for some students.

There are 13 programmes that have more than 1000 foreign students each and account for more than 75 per cent of foreign students nationwide. The highest numbers of students are enrolled in B Tech, with 11245 students all over the country, followed by B Sc, added the report.

The same AISHE report also revealed that among all the districts in India, the maximum numbers of colleges (1058) are situated in Bengaluru Urban followed by Jaipur (671).

IN THE COURT OF THE XXVII ADDL MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
(Clr.Mis.No.7367/2022)

BETWEEN

1) Kallianpur Vidyanand Shankar S/o Late K.B.Shankar Bhat, Aged about 81 years R/at No.15-B-164, 5th Avenue, Sainikpuri, Kapra RR District, Hyderbad, Telangana-500094

2) Smt.Geetha Subbarao Arangady D/o Late.K.B.Shankar Bhat, W/o Subbarao Arangady, about 80 years, R/at No. 1045, Ground Floor, 5th Main D Block, 2nd Stage, Rajaji Nagar, Bengaluru-10

3) Smt.Nirmala Vivek Kailaji, D/o Late.K.B.Shankar Bhat, W/o Vivek Kailaji Aged about 77 years, R/at No.8/7, Sarswat Colony, Talmiki Road, Above S.V.C.Bank Santacruz (West), Mumbai, Maharashtra-400054,

4) Sri. Vivekanand Shankar Kalyanpur, S/o Late.K.B.Shankar, Aged about 76 years, R/at No.D/3, Maitree Apartments. 5th Main Road, 15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.

5) Sri.Vijayanand Shankar Kallianpur, S/o Kallianpur Shankar, Aged about 67 years, R/at No.A/14, Gokul Niwas, Kotnis Marg, Opp. Shivaji Park Fire Brigade, Mahim, Mumbai, Maharashtra State -400016.

6) Sri.Vinayananda Shankar Bhat Kallianpur, S/o Late.K.B.Shankar Bhat,Aged about 66 years, R/at No.A704, Kaustubha Platinum, Rajendra Nagar, Shree Ganesh C.H.S.IDattapada Road, Mumbai Suburban, Maharashtra-400066 .....PETITIONERS

And: The Commissioner, Registrar Of Birth And Deaths, BBMP, Bangalore ....RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioners named above have filed the above petition seeking direction to The Commissioner Registrar of Birth and Death, BBMP at Bengaluru, to Register the date of death of the Grand Mother of the petitioners by name **Radha Bai, W/o Late.vishweshwar Kallianpur Bhat**, he was died on 22/05/1926 at No.72-73, 11 Mian, Opp Malleshwaram Railway Station, Next to Manipal North Side Hospital, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003. Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the XXVII Addl Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court at Bengaluru, at 11.00 AM on 20-03-23 to which date the case is posted for hearing. Given under my hand and seal the court this 04 day Feb 2023

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By Order of the court COURT Sheristedar,
XXVII Addl Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Bengaluru.

BU to ditch the plastic

Soon, Bangalore University (BU) will become the first campus in the city to ban plastic. This comes after the BU campus, spread across 1,200 acre, was being increasingly seen filled with plastic waste.

BU Vice-Chancellor Dr Jayakar SM said that circulars will be sent to all departments to ensure plastic is avoided. BU wants to impose the plastic ban even for morning and evening walkers who throng the Jnana Bharati campus every day. CCTVs will be installed and home guards who man the campus have been told to keep an eye on those carrying plastic or plastic waste to the campus.

Plastic materials will not be used in any of the canteens. Officials have been told to stop using plastic water bottles as well. Students and staff will also be asked to ditch use of plastic.

A senior official said, "Merely asking people to stop using plastic isn't enough. Hence, we are planning to set up a task force which will pay surprise checks across departments and canteens to check usage of plastic. If anyone is found violating the rule, we are planning to penalise them. Instead of water bottles, we are encouraging usage of paper or steel tumblers."

BU is one of the largest universities in south India with 3,600 students studying in 53 departments which offer 58 courses with 400 permanent lecturers and 700 guest lecturers besides many non-teaching staff members serving in the varsity.

To begin with, the ban will be applied starting with the administrative office where every staff member will be asked to stop using any form of plastic. Water bottles will not be supplied to even syndicate and academic council meetings as well.

A student said, "It is a good initiative but it should be taken up regularly. For example, plastic covers were banned across the country earlier. Secondly, it is essential to provide suitable alternatives before the ban. This would mean that students and staff will be encouraged to bring your own water bottles (BYOW). However, to make BYOW a success, the varsity should set up water points where reverse osmosis purified water is supplied free of cost so that students can fill water." **— BMB**

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Think before you flex now!

BBMP to file 10 criminal cases in each zone against people affixing banners

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With elections nearing and politicians busy organising various yatras, the city seems to be losing its battle against banning flexes. Such banners and posters are 'defacing' most parts of Bengaluru and civic agencies have been failing to take action so far.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has finally set a target of registering at least 10 cases in each zone to send a warning to those affixing flexes.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "It is our duty to remove banners, and for the last one week, we have been doing so on war footing. We have decided to file criminal cases against those affixing these banners. Officials have been told that 10 criminal cases should be filed in each zone and suitable directions have been issued for the jurisdictional zonal and joint commissioners along with revenue inspectors to take up cases. Unless a penalty is imposed, this menace cannot be eliminated."

However, Bengalureans are not ready to believe this yet. "From birthdays to deaths and welcoming politicians with party symbols, one can see flexes dotting the main roads. Despite the High Court's warning, there has been no change. We have been seeing personnel removing banners late in the night. But I wonder why no action is being taken when someone is displaying them," said Uday R, a resident of Hesaraghatta Road.

File photo of an illegal hoarding inconveniencing pedestrians in Bengaluru; in August 2018, the Palike had decided to ban advertisement boards across the city for a year, and later, the ban was extended

Under Section 3 of the Karnataka Open Spaces (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act, any citizen can complain about disfigurement of public places and police are bound to take action. Even the HC had earlier directed the removal of illegal banners and hoardings under the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act.

Back in August 2018, the Palike had decided to ban advertisement boards across city streets for a year, and later, the ban was extended. During a special council meeting, it was decided that the ban would be imposed on all boards and banners in the city. Council members in the meeting reported that flexes were being installed in underpasses, flyovers, skywalks, and private buildings. This has been damaging the visual beauty of roads.

> **"There should be an equal law for everyone. I hope political parties and top leaders take a firm decision on the matter. Collective effort is required** – Gururaj S, resident

"BBMP says that it will take action against those putting up banners. However, most of the time, ministers are seen in these banners. We wonder whether the civic agency will have the power to take action against ministers or their supporters. There should be an equal law for everyone and I hope political parties and their top leaders take a firm decision on the matter, asking all their party men to stop doing this. Only a collective effort can stop this menace," said Gururaj S, a resident of Gayatri Nagar.

BBMP has some explaining to do

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The National Green Tribunal (NGT), southern zone, Chennai directed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to file a report explaining why it permitted a builder to proceed with construction of a swimming pool and compound wall on the buffer zone in Kumbena Agrahara, Mahadevapura Zone.

The NGT bench, headed by Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana and expert member Dr Sathyagopal Korlapati, was hearing a petition filed by activist Paramesh V against the BBMP Chief Commissioner and others.

The latter were accused of violating buffer zone norms. The BBMP is responsible for following up on constructions within the city. "If the above rectification is not done by the builder, it can cause another deluge," said the bench, adjourning the hearing to February 28.

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Who's keeping an eye?

BM's report on Sept 30

Earlier, the bench noted that what remains to be pulled down now is the compound wall on the right side of the buffer zone. It is reportedly touching the stormwater drain. "It is mandatory for the buffer zone of 15 metres to be maintained. No construction (permanent or temporary) can be carried out in the zone. The only permissible activity in the buffer zone is growing live vegetation," the bench clarified.

The NGT bench clarified that the only activity that is permitted in this buffer zone is the growing of live vegetation

> **"It is mandatory for the buffer zone of 15 m to be maintained. No construction can be carried out** – NGT bench

The bench noted that the counsel appearing for the builder had said the compound wall was needed for the safety of apartment owners.

"As it has already been ruled down by the Supreme Court that no activity can happen within the buffer zone, we only direct the 8th respondent to remove the compound wall and plant any kind of vegetation to safeguard the interest of inmates of the apartment," they said.

It also highlighted that a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) could have been within the buffer zone. "If that is so, we are forced to say that the same has to be removed too. Let the 8th respondent get appropriate instructions and plan accordingly and file a fresh report on the action to be taken to rectify the mistake," the bench said.

Meanwhile, Paramesh said that BBMP authorities have to take measures to prevent encroachment of stormwater drains and any constructions within buffer zones to avoid flooding in the future.

Bangalore Mirror had earlier published a story on the encroachment of the stormwater drain.

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Congestion chaos
Horamavu

Cranes and JCBs parked on Horamavu Main Road near Jayanthi Nagar circle are causing traffic jams.

Walkers at risk
Kengeri

Footpaths in the heart of Kengeri (at NH 275) are a danger to pedestrians.

Declutter!
Malleswaram

There are advertisements on footpaths and roads in Temple Street, Malleswaram.

A riddle: What is white, rare & deadly?

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It was just another day for wildlife rescuer Rajesh Kumar, an expert at rescuing snakes, other reptiles and animals and releasing them in their natural habitat. But on Monday he got a call from a staffer of MS Ramaiah Medical College stating they had spotted a white snake. Kumar immediately rushed to the spot and spotted an albino snake which is said to extremely rare.

A staffer at the college spotted the snake in the ground floor. They kept a watch at the snake from a distance. When Kumar reached the spot, he saw a 1.5-feet adult albino snake. Albino snakes are said to have albinism where the body does not produce melanin that results in white scales. Their life span is said in between 15-20 years. The colour of the eyeballs of albino snakes are generally red. Interestingly, many people do not even know they exist.

Kumar said, "These snakes are venomous. However, they tend to be calm and slither around. They do not harm anyone until they feel threatened. The albino hatchlings are hatched mostly after in breeding among themselves. As these are rare to be found, there are no other mates of the same species. Most of the time they in breed. This apart, the survival rate of albino snakes is very difficult as the colours are easy to identify and they usually don't survive for long in the wild and aren't able to pass on their genes."

After rescuing the snake, Kumar informed the BBMP forest cell. The snake was examined and as it looked healthy without any injuries, it was left back in its natural habitat.

Currently in Bengaluru, four snake species are commonly found -- the cobra, saw-scaled viper, Russell's viper and common krait snake.

In 2018, Kumar had rescued an albino snake hatchling at Mathikere and released it in the wild. That was the first time an albino snake was found in the city. This was the sec-

Extremely rare albino cobra rescued from medical college and released into its natural habitat

ond time however an adult snake was spotted which is said to look huge and even better to look at.

Kumar pointed out that as the winter season is fading away, the season of mating starts. "This is the time when the snakes will be getting out to find its mate. After which, there will be a gestation period of 45 days and then the eggs are hatchlings will emerge during the monsoon period."

The snakes are protected under Indian Wildlife Act 1972. It all about coexisting with them and letting them survive," he said.

Wrong number: Case of doppelganger plates

As vehicle owners check traffic fine details online, they discover imposters

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After the city traffic police announced a 50 percent discount on traffic fines, a sudden increase in cases of fake number plates have come to light.

The owners of the vehicles are required to check online if any traffic violation cases have been registered against their vehicles and pay the fine by February 11 to avail the 50% discount. Information about which traffic rule was violated, date and time, along with a photo of the place where the traffic rule was violated is available to the owner online. While checking those photos, it is revealed to many that somebody else is using the same number plate as them.

Rachana, who was waiting at the traffic management centre for two hours to file a complaint against the wrong traffic violation cases on her vehicle says that lorries and trucks are using her vehicle's number.

"When I found out about the discount, I checked online to see how much I have to pay. But I got to know the fine included violations in the areas that I have not been to. So, I came to the traffic management centre to file a complaint and got to know that several others have the same issue," she said.

Another resident said that his car has traffic violations of a two-wheeler. "I was shocked to see that there are violations of helmet-less riding on my vehicle," he said.

Cases of two-wheeler registration numbers being affixed to four-wheeler vehicles like cars, lorries, trucks, and four-wheeler registration numbers being affixed to two-wheelers are coming to light. Also, the police said that stolen vehicles are being driven with fake number plates.

Hemanth Ashok, a commuter, said it was quite dangerous as people might have used a vehicle to carry out some kind of criminal activity. And with faulty number plates, they are able to get away easily without being caught.

"Vehicle owners should verify if the violation registered against their vehicles is true or not, before paying the outstanding fine. If the registration number is fake then a complaint can be filed, based on the complaint the traffic police will detect the fraudsters and file a case against them," said MA Saleem, additional director general and special commissioner of police (traffic).

Commuters say those with fake number plate violate rules with impunity

"Vehicle owners should verify if violation registered against their vehicles is true, before paying outstanding fine

MA Saleem, Addn'l Commissioner (Traffic)

Some commuters also said they have seen those with faulty number plates break traffic rules. Malavika Anand, a commuter, said that in one day, she saw two to three vehicles without proper number plates. They were near the signal on MG Road. When the red signal was on, none of them stopped. One of them had painted the number plate in white and for the other vehicle, the lower part of the plate was bent. The commuters say that it was not possible to lodge complaints on the public eye portal either because the entire registration number is unavailable. Aditya M, another commuter, said, "It is not possible at all to raise tickets using the public eye portal because the full registration number is not available, and the complaint will not be accepted because of insufficient information."

Manu Joseph, another commuter, said that these vehicles may have been involved in crimes. "It was important that the police carry out a thorough investigation rather than treating these cases as just faulty number plates," he said.

According to the traffic police, they are receiving almost 500 cases of fake number plates every day.

To-do list: To save, nurture childhood

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In order to ensure child rights protection and safety in the state, the Karnataka State Commissioner for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) has issued a set of recommendations to various state-level departments.

"I have toured all the districts in Karnataka since the commission has been entrusted with the oversight responsibility of the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009, POCSO Act 2012, and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015. We have held a progress review meeting with departments and have issued some directions and recommendations," Naganna Gowda, chairperson of Karnataka State Commission for Child Rights (KSCPCR) told Bangalore Mirror.

Child safety in schools

The commission has directed the Department Of Public Instruction to take quick steps to identify the children who have dropped out of school and bring them into the mainstream education system. The department has been instructed to provide basic facilities in all the schools and prioritise children's safety on campus, and train the teachers and other staff members for it. Child helpline number '1098' and first aid box amenities in all schools should be strictly implemented, KSCPCR directed the department. The commission also added that any form of physical punishment or harassment should be avoided in schools.

Proper facilities in hostels

The commission directed the Department of Social Welfare to ensure that all their girls' hostels have female wardens and all the hostels have CCTV camera facilities. It was also stressed that hostels are equipped with all the basic facilities and periodic health check-ups is done.

Protection against substance abuse

The commission also directed the excise department to ensure that no sale of alcohol or drugs takes place within 100 metres of school premises. The state child rights body also recommended that district-level awareness programs on suicide prevention be conducted.

To curb child marriage and child labour

In order to identify and curb the issue of child labour, the commission has recommended a survey of child labourers to be done effectively and a taluk-wise list of the same to be prepared and documented. It was also added that all the departments concerned should coordinate and take action against child marriage and child labour issues in Karnataka. The commission recommended that people, especially tribal communities, be given more awareness about child marriage and child rights. The number of child marriage cases in Karnataka is shocking, with 418 such marriages in 2021-22.

The commission added that the tahsildar and executive officer of taluk panchayats should also take an active part and work in coordination with officers from other departments in preventing child marriages. Training and workshops should be conducted for child marriage prohibition officers.

Kothnur Lake remains a lethal site for fish

Residents report 25 dead fish floating at multiple locations in lake on Tuesday

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The alarm of fish kill was raised by a resident who spotted a dead fish floating on the lake surface

The walkers at Kothnur Lake in JP Nagar and the residents of the area have reported the first fish kill incident of 2023 in the city. The fresh episode was reported on Monday evening when walkers noticed a foul stench and dead fish on the surface of the water body.

"I was on my usual evening walk on Monday when I noticed a stench and on closer look spotted a dead fish floating on the surface. Some fish were also gasping for air," said a resident of the area.

By Tuesday morning, locals had already spotted at least 25 big fish dead and floating.

Raghavendra B Pachhapur, a city-based lake activist, told Bangalore Mirror that he counted 25 dead fish at multiple locations in Kothnur Lake on Tuesday morning.

"The alarm of fish kill was raised by a resident of the area on Monday evening. I went to inspect the water body the following morning and traversed the 1.3 km perimetre of the lake to document it," he said.

Interestingly, this is the fourth episode of fish kill reported in the Kothnur Lake over the last year. The first incident was reported in January 2022, followed by a mass fish kill incident in April 2022 and another one in August 2022.

Pachhapur added that though he had reached out to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on 13 occasions and to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on 5 occasions in last one year with complaints of worsening water quality of the lake, no action was taken by the officials concerned.

The complaints were raised on the issues of sewage entry to the wetland, untreated water entry from different inlets, and inadequate maintenance of the water body.

"I have been monitoring the lake water quality and biodiversity at Kothnur Lake and have been raising the issues consistently on BBMP's Sahayaa app for the last year. However, the BBMP officials have always passed the buck on to the BWSSB," he explained.

He has also raised 4 complaints in the last 12 months with KSPCB. However, no solution has been provided so far. Moreover, he never got any response to his complaints. The authorities are least concerned about pollutants entering into Bengaluru lakes, he informed.

Locals say that the continuous flow of sewage from surrounding areas has spoiled the water quality leading to these episodes at regular intervals. They further complain that the BBMP, which is the lake custodian, is not performing its duties.

> **"I have raised 4 complaints in the last 12 months with KSPCB. However, no solution has been provided so far. Also I never got any response** – RB Pachhapur

"BBMP officials are not bothered about lake water getting polluted. So is the case with BWSSB. We have also issued multiple complaints on Sahaaya. The civic body has its security guards protecting the lakes in the city, but no monitoring happens from their side," said another resident from the area.

Meanwhile, when BM reached out to an official from BWSSB, they denied any fish kill incident in the Kothnur Lake.

"There is no sewage entering the water body. We fixed the issue after the last fish kill incident last year. I have inspected the lake and could not spot even one dead fish," said an official.

Women lock themselves in loo to escape rape

CRIME FILES

Two people were arrested by Vijayanagar Police on Tuesday in connection with an attempt to rape two young women, who were at the suspects' home for a party.

Police claim that on February 5, the suspects had a party at their home with their female friends. The accused attempted to rape the victims when they were drunk. The women, both of whom hail from Kashmir, spent the entire night in the bathroom after managing to lock themselves inside.

The accused has been identified as Ajay Venkatasai, 23, from Andhra Pradesh and Aditya Abhiraj, 26, from Bihar. The police said that based on the complaint filed by the 23-year-old victim the accused were arrested and further investigation is being conducted.

The victim, who hail from Kashmir, and the accused had become friends when they were studying at a prestigious college in Punjab. After graduation, the woman was working in a private company in the city and was staying with a friend.

Ajay called the woman on February 5 and expressed his desire to meet. The woman and her friend had come to the location that Ajay sent her. According to a complaint filed by the victim on February 6 about the incident, a team led by Inspector GS Anil kumar, who registered a case of rape and sexual assault against the accused, arrested them.

Body exhumed to find cause of death

Police have exhumed the dead body of a young man from West Bengal to probe into the cause of his death. Police seek to find out if the man had died by suicide or if he had been murdered. Two weeks ago, a young man named Rasool, who was working as a labourer, is said to have died by suicide. His friends had completed the funeral without informing the police about the death. The body has been exhumed and sent for post-mortem due to suspicions behind the death.

Gun seller arrested

A 35-year-old man was arrested by Bengaluru's Central Crime Branch (CCB) police for allegedly distributing country made revolvers throughout the city.

The suspect has been identified as Roshan Dayaram, who hails from Maharashtra. His arrest, according to Joint Commissioner of Police for Crime SD Sharanappa, was based on a tip off.

According to the police, Roshan is facing three cases in Maharashtra, including one for attempted murder and two for theft. The police seized ten pistols and 32 bullets from the accused.

"We were tracking a network that dealt in the supply of illegal firearms, and on the basis of a tip-off, we arrested Roshan in Bengaluru, where we also found four revolvers and 12 bullets. Then we sent a police team to Thane, where they found revolvers and 20 bullets," said Sharanappa.

He added that Roshan was supplying these guns in Bengaluru, but the police were unaware of this. According to the police, the revolvers cost between Rs 35,000 and 50,000, while the bullets cost around Rs 500 each. **– Ahna Prakash**

Land acquisition gone awry?

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According to the documents available with Bangalore Mirror, the BMRCL General Manager (Land Acquisition) wrote a letter on October 21, 2021 to KIADB Special Land Acquisition Officer to verify the veracity of the documents submitted by people claiming ownership of the land to be acquired. The BMRCL General Manager also advised the KIADB Special Land Acquisition Officer to go through the Karnataka High Court website to verify the status of the land. At the time of writing the letter, the High Court website showed the status of the land as pending.

However, the KIADB Special Land Acquisition Officer disbursed compensation to the following individuals, Mohammed Majok Ahmed, Jayaram Thirumalesh, Vinay BM, and Uday BM, on November 23, 2021. The other interesting aspect is there is no change in the status of the land that was claimed to have been acquired for Namma Metro's Phase 2B even after 14 months of disbursing the compensation. Among the four recipients of the compensation, Mohammed Majok Ahmed is a tenant and not the owner of the land.

As per the documents available with Bangalore Mirror, XXII Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge has questioned the veracity of the rental agreement of Mohammed Majok Ahmed that was executed on April 14, 2014 but registered only on July 14, 2014.

"These dates are relevant, because the contesting defendants' suit in OS No. 8842/1980 before the CCH No. 19, has been decreed on July 5, 2014. No doubt, the stamp was obtained by the parties on April 15, 2014 but, however, said lease for three years is registered only on July 15, 2014. In view of my findings on above points, I proceed to pass the following: I.A. No. 1 filed by plaintiffs under Order 39 Rules 1 and 2 CPC is rejected," the XXII Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge said in the order passed on October 16, 2014.

The aforesaid land was acquired by the National Highway Authority of India to widen the Old Madras Road and railway underpasses in 2008. However, land acquisition case (LAC) 21 has been pending in the City Civil Court since 2011. Meanwhile, a revision of first appeal (RFA) 1140/2014 is pending in Karnataka High Court.

When contacted, KIADB Special Land Acquisition Officer Prasanna Kumar declined to talk by instructing this correspondent to meet him at his office. "If you want details or information you have to come to my office and give a letter," Kumar said.

Meanwhile, Halasuru Gate Police registered a first information report (FIR) on February 3, 2023 against Jayaram Thirumalesh, Mohammed Majok Ahmed, Uday BM, Vinay BM, and the KIADB officer based on a complaint lodged by Yatish M.

The FIR was registered under Sections 506, 504, 120B, 409, 420, and 465 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) 1860. Yatish also lodged a complaint with Karnataka Lokayukta on January 19, 2023 against KIADB Special Land Acquisition Officer Prasanna Kumar for dereliction of duty.

MEMORY PALACE

"Research gives peek into brain's plasticity, or its ability to adapt and change its structure as we live our lives and accumulate memories

Study decodes how 'construction site' of long-term memory gets built in brain

Think of a new longer-term memory as a construction site inside the brain. The brain's neurons restructure themselves and build or demolish connections with other neurons to store the memory for retrieval when needed.

The neurons can't do the work without help. They need building materials from a distant warehouse. So, trucks hit the highway to transport cargo to the construction site.

The cargo of those trucks varies over time depending on the strength of the memory. Do the neurons need supplies to build a structure that endures hours, days, weeks or even years?

Researchers at The Herbert Wertheim UF Scripps Institute for Biomedical Innovation & Technology have discovered that these cellular building materials -- in this case, sets of proteins -- undergo experience-dependent changes while forming short- and long-term memories.

A paper on the discovery by a team of Wertheim UF Scripps Institute scientists was published on January 5 in eNeuro, an open-access journal of the Society for Neuroscience.

It's a glimpse into the brain's plasticity, or its ability to adapt and change its structure as we live our lives and accumulate memories.

Additionally, it enlightens future research about how the brain's enormously complex systems operate. That has potential implications, scientists said, for better understanding neurological disorders. Those include Alzheimer's and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease.

"This is giving us a much more detailed insight into a process that we know is important for memory," said senior author Sathyanarayanan V. Puthanveettil, Ph.D. He is an associate professor at The Wertheim UF Scripps Institute.

"The connections of these neurons need to be selectively modified to form long-term memory," he added. "And for the modification to occur, the neuron needs to send materials from the cell's soma to its distant synapses. Unique packets of proteins are sent, and this cargo of proteins changes over time as memory is encoded. This is an exciting finding."

The soma is the main cell body of a neuron where its nucleus resides, while synapses are the place where connections between neurons are built. On a cellular level, it's a long trip.

Puthanveettil's team used a species of sea slug called Aplysia to explore how memories are encoded. The slugs have gigantic neurons compared with those in the human brain, making them easier to study.

A neural mechanism for storing certain memories in slugs is thought to be extremely similar to what occurs in the human brain, Puthanveettil said. Memory, of course, is the essence of what it means to be human.

Sometimes memories are short-lived, as when we see a stranger's face at a party and cannot recall it the next day. A simple biochemical change in the brain creates shorter-term memories that are with us for several minutes to a few hours, he said.

Longer-term memories, however, bring out the full construction crew that indelibly encodes the brain's circuitry, especially when the brain is sensitized to a strong event -- a car crash, a child's birth, the moment someone learns shocking news.

Puthanveettil said how the brain accomplishes this has been poorly understood, and even now, it will take much more research to fully decipher the cellular building blocks that form memory.

The material that moves between soma and synapse includes numerous proteins, which are crucial workhorses that drive many of the processes and chemical reactions that allow human cells to function and carry out tasks.

Other cellular materials might also change over time, Puthanveettil said. But that will be a topic of future research. **ANI**

MIRRORLIGHTS

Vitamin D supplements linked with lower diabetes risk: Study

Higher vitamin D intake may be associated with a lower risk of developing type 2 diabetes in adults with prediabetes, a review of clinical trials has found. Vitamin D is a fat-soluble vitamin available in or added to some foods, as a supplement, or produced by the body when ultraviolet rays from sunlight strike the skin.

Vitamin D has many functions in the body, including a role in insulin secretion and glucose metabolism.

Observational studies have found an association between having a low level of vitamin D in the blood and high risk for developing diabetes, the researchers said.

The team from Tufts Medical Center in the US conducted a systematic review and meta-analysis of three clinical trials comparing vitamin D supplement impacts on diabetes risk.

The researchers found that over a three-year follow-up period, new-onset diabetes occurred in 22.7 per cent of adults who received vitamin D and 25 per cent of those who received placebo, a 15 per cent relative reduction in risk.

The study, published in the journal Annals of Internal Medicine, extrapolated the findings to more than 374 million adults worldwide with prediabetes.

The research suggests that inexpensive vitamin D supplementation could delay the development of diabetes in more than 10 million people.

In an accompanying editorial, authors from University College Dublin and Food Safety Authority of Ireland, cautioned that previous research has demonstrated significant adverse impacts of high vitamin D intake.

They argue that professional societies promoting vitamin D therapy have an obligation to warn physicians about both required vitamin D intake and safe limits.

The researchers advise that a very-high-dose vitamin D therapy might prevent type 2 diabetes in some patients but may also cause harm.

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Right Food can decrease Erectile Dysfunction risk

1 Is food related to erectile dysfunction?
There are reasons to believe that diet may help in erectile dysfunction. Since good blood circulation to the penis is important to achieve and maintain penile erection, the food that helps in improving blood flow should also help. Healthy lifestyle along with good food also reduces the risk factors like obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease which otherwise can lead to erectile dysfunction. There is data (review conducted in 2017) that shows that erectile dysfunction is less common in communities that follow a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean meat, low fat dairy and healthy fats.

2 Are there any specific foods that can help cure erectile dysfunction?
Let's look at the specific food that could help. Foods that contain nitrates, flavonoids and antioxidants seem to top the list because of the benefits they provide for vascular health. Food rich in nitrates helps vasodilation (make blood vessels accommodate extra blood) and hence can increase blood flow to the penis. Beetroot and spinach are loaded with nitrates. Dark green leafy vegetables such as spinach, drumstick leaves and mustard leaves are not only loaded with nitrates, but also a rich source of zinc and folate. A study showed that most men who experienced erectile dysfunction were folate deficient. So, don't miss out on those greens! Flavonoids, a group of plant nutrients, present in apples, bananas, pears, orange, sweet lime, pomelo/grapefruit (chokottha hannu - Kannada), berries and red grapes help our body make nitric oxide and increase blood flow to all the organs. Pomegranate and cocoa are also a good source of flavonoid.

-Prakash VL

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Dead end, on the road

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the city recorded 224 fatal hit and run cases along with 838 non-fatal cases in 2022 — a 38.27% increase as compared to 2021.

In 2021, 162 fatal and 562 non-fatal cases of hit and run were recorded in the city. Even in the cases of non-fatal hit and run accidents, Bengaluru saw an increase of 49.11% in 2022 as compared to 2021.

Traffic expert MN Sreehari cited reckless driving by youth as a reason behind increasing accidents.

"These days youth, especially people aged between 18 and 22, are involved in road rage and reckless driving. The traffic police have initiated so many programmes and workshops to teach young adults about the importance of safe driving, but these hardly have an effect," he said.

He also added that bad infrastructure and poor road conditions are also adding to the problem.

"The department has installed several CCTV cameras in different parts of the city so that it's easy to catch the accused. The number plate and the vehicle model are captured on camera. The department also has initiated several training programmes to teach people about the importance of safe driving," said the police.

Man on the run after murder of ex-wife

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A man is said to have killed his ex-wife and ran away with his child. The accused has been identified as Majeed, 40. The deceased, who was murdered, has been identified as Monisha. According to the police, the man killed his ex-wife three days ago. However this came to light only when the owner of the house opened the door using a spare key.

Majeed had been married to Monisha for seven years before they got divorced. Even after divorce, Majeed continued to stay in that house to split the rent. But it is alleged that they had a fight after which Majeed killed her.

He is then said to have taken the child and absconded.

Woman dies in house fire

A woman died after a house behind Mantri Mall in Malleswaram caught fire. When the fire broke out, the neighbours and other members of the house called the fire brigade. The fire brigade vehicle reached the spot within a few minutes and rescued the woman in the house. The woman, who was severely injured with burns on most of her body, was immediately admitted to Victoria Hospital. However, doctors said that the woman died due to burn injuries. A woman from the neighboring house, who was helping her to cook, also suffered minor burns and was admitted to the hospital.

The deceased has been identified as Mary, 55.

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'Magic after 2014': Rahul on rise of Adani's fortune

In Parliament, Cong leader makes barrage of allegations including that Modi helped Adani bag overseas contracts in various sectors

#New Delhi

Leading the Opposition attack over the Adani-Hindenburg issue in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday linked Gautam Adani's meteoric rise to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's coming to power and said "magic" happened after 2014 that propelled the businessman from the 609th to the second spot on the global rich list.

The Congress leader's remarks drew a sharp response from the treasury benches, with Law Minister Kiren Rijiju asking him not to level "wild allegations" and furnish proof of his claims. Speaker Om Birla disapproved of the Congress leader displaying two pictures of Prime Minister Narendra Modi - one in which he can be seen with Adani inside a plane and the other in which he is getting down from a plane which has an Adani logo on it - to highlight their alleged proximity.

"If you show posters, they (BJP) will show posters of the Rajasthan chief minister (with Adani). Parliament is not for these things," Birla said.

Participating in the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address in Lok Sabha as the first Opposition speaker, Gandhi made a barrage of allegations including that Modi helped Adani bag overseas contracts in various sectors. Posing questions for the prime minister, Gandhi asked how many times has he travelled together on a foreign trip with Adani. 1"How many times did Adani ji join you later on a visit? How many times Adani ji travelled to a country immediately after you visited the country? How many times has Adani ji bagged a contract in a foreign country after your visit there?" Gandhi said.

Rahul Gandhi speaks in the Lok Sabha at the Motion of Thanks on the President's address

He asked how much money Adani has given to the BJP in the last 20 years, including through electoral bonds.

Speaker Birla asked Gandhi to focus on the President's address. "There should be a case study on Adani by business schools such as Harvard, on how the relationship between business and politics works, India is a case study... PM Narendra Modi should get a gold medal in this" Gandhi said. Gandhi also hit out at Modi for slamming the Opposition over its criticism of

Law Minister Kiren Rijiju asks for proof of claims, asks leader not to level 'wild allegations'

the Rafale deal by allegedly overlooking the capabilities of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). "Yesterday the prime minister said at HAL that we hurled wrong allegations. But in reality, HAL's contract of 126 aircraft went to Anil Ambani, who then went bankrupt," Gandhi said. Gandhi, who just completed his over 4,000 km Bharat Jodo Yatra, said people asked him how Adani got into so many businesses and succeeded, as well as what is the nature of his relationship with the prime minister. "From Tamil Nadu, Kerala to Himachal Pradesh, Kashmir, we have been listening one name everywhere 'Adani'. Across the entire country, it's just 'Adani', 'Adani', 'Adani'...," Gandhi said.

He said that during the yatra people also asked him how Adani's net worth increased from USD 8 billion to 140 billion between 2014 and 2022. "The (Adani-Modi) relationship began many years ago when Narendra Modi was Gujarat CM. When most of India was asking questions of the prime minister, was against the PM (then CM Narendra Modi), one man stood shoulder to shoulder with PM Modi, he was loyal to the prime minister and helped Mr Modi construct the idea of a resurgent Gujarat," Gandhi said.

Adani was the backbone in setting up a group of businessmen in Gujarat, he said, adding that the result was a tremendous expansion of Adani's businesses in Gujarat.

"Then the real magic starts, when the PM comes to Delhi and the real magic begins in 2014. In 2014, he was in 609th spot on the list of richest people and climbed to the second spot," the former Congress chief said. Gandhi also raised the issue of the report by US-based Hindenburg Research, saying it alleged that Adani has shell companies abroad. The Opposition has been demanding a joint parliamentary committee probe or a Supreme Court-monitored investigation into the allegations of fraud. **– PTI**

Some reprieve for Adani group's listed firms on bourses

#New Delhi

After a USD 110 billion rout in market value, embattled Adani group got some reprieve on Tuesday after shares of most of its listed firms rebounded on bourses and international rating agencies said there was no credit risk for lenders with exposure to the group.

The group, which is in the midst of a political storm after US-based short-seller Hindenburg Research's adverse report dated January 24 triggered a meltdown in group stocks wiping out billions of dollars in market value, also had a mixed day with the quarterly results of four of its entities, particularly Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone reporting a 12.94 per cent decline in consolidated net profit to Rs 1,336.51 crore for the December quarter 2022.

Shares of flagship firm Adani Enterprises settled nearly 15 per cent higher at Rs 1,802.50 apiece while shares of Adani Wilmar jumped 5 per cent to end at Rs 399.40 on BSE.

Shares of Adani Ports & SEZ, Ambuja Cements, ACC and NDTV settled over 1 per cent higher on the exchange, a day after the group said the promoters would pre-pay USD 1,114 million for the release of pledged shares of its firms -- Adani Ports & Special Economic Zones, Adani Green Energy and Adani Transmission -- ahead of the maturity in September 2024.

4 in the red

However, four of the group firms defied the upward trend and settled in the negative territory with Adani Power, Adani Green Energy and Adani Total Gas tanking 5 per cent each, while Adani Transmission fell 0.77 per cent to settle at Rs 1,251.70 on the BSE. **– PTI**

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Bilkis case: SC will hear plea against release of 11 convicts

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday assured Bilkis Bano, who challenged the pre-mature release of 11 convicts for gang-raping her and murdering her family members during the 2002 Godhra riots, that her plea against the remission granted to 11 convicts will be heard soon.

A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices PS Narasimha and JB Pardiwala will constitute a bench soon for Bano's plea. Advocate Shobha Gupta, appearing for Bano, mentioned the matter for urgent hearing and said that a new bench needs to be constituted by the CJI as Justice Bela M Trivedi recused from hearing the plea.

"I will do so at the earliest. The matter will be listed soon," said the CJI.

Earlier, a bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and Bela M Trivedi ordered that matter be listed before the bench which Justice Trivedi is not a part of as she had recused herself from hearing the case.

Besides filing a petition against the per-mature release of convicts, Bano had also filed a review petition seeking a review of its earlier order by which it had asked the Gujarat government to consider the plea for the remission of one of the convicts.

The review petition was dismissed. Some PILs were filed seeking directions to revoke the remission granted to 11 convicts. **– ANI**

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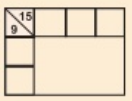
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

In a race Joe drives at 65 mph and is .7 mile from the finish. Jim drives at 70 mph and is .8 mile from the finish. Who will win the race?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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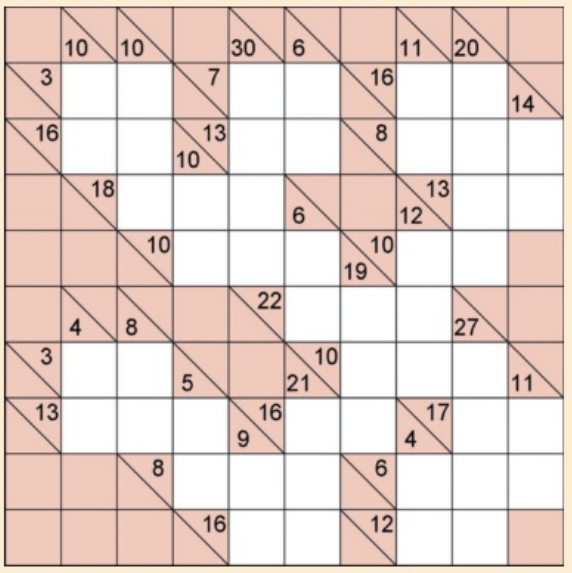

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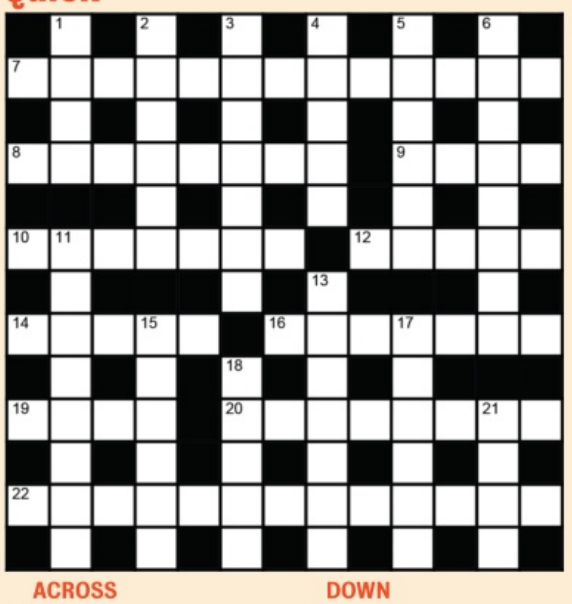


ACROSS

7 Lying (13)
8 Arctic animal (8)
9 Accompanying (4)
10 Golf shots (7)
12 Be crazy about (5)
14 Land badly (5)
16 Studious (7)
19 Roman eight (4)
20 Delusive mental disorder (8)
22 Scheming, cunning and amoral (13)

DOWN

1 Irish (4)
2 Nonetheless (4,2)
3 Commanded (7)
4 Capital of Ghana (5)
5 Boiled slowly (6)
6 Bends, twists or warps (8)
11 Electrical connection (8)
13 Is troubled or vexed (7)
15 Forge (6)
17 Humane or benevolent (6)
18 A steamed dosa (5)
21 Muslim priest (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS T

FXUQI NF IXG DUE IXHI RTNYIE BYGHFTQG MQNARF.

Linemaro

Somebody call the cops, because it's got to be illegal to look that good!

Mindchow

You can't get to a place that you don't believe exists

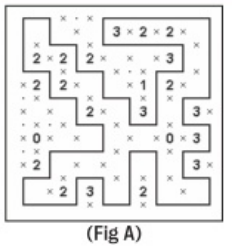
Joke of the day

If winning isn't everything, why do they keep score?

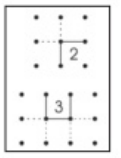
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

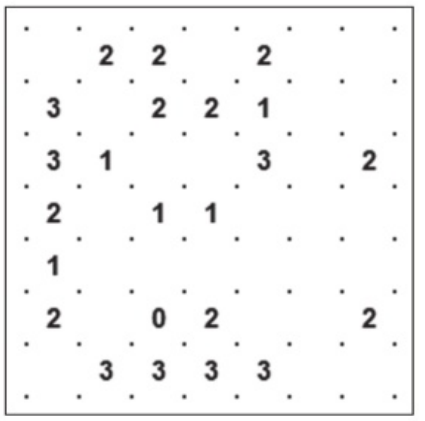


(Fig B) Not Allowed

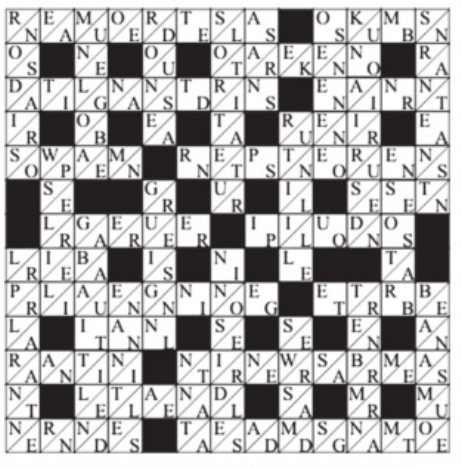
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



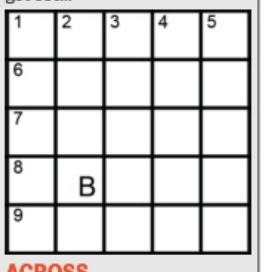
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 R rear; 6 Medea; 7 So hob; 8 Ate Ab; 9 Robed

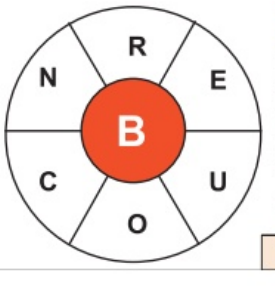
DOWN

1 Brahe; 2 Boo ad; 3 Barre; 4 Toe me; 5 Dears

Mensapuzzle

What value of weight should be placed on the scales to balance?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

08 Average; 09 Good; 11 Outstanding

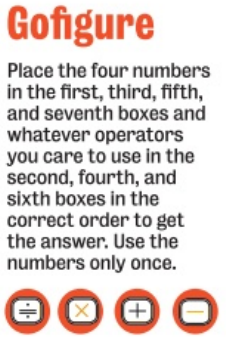
SudokuChallenge

	3						7	
8		7	3		5	2		9
		5		4		1		
		1	9		3	8		
		8	5		1	4		
		6		1		3		
9		3	4		2	6		7
	4						8	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



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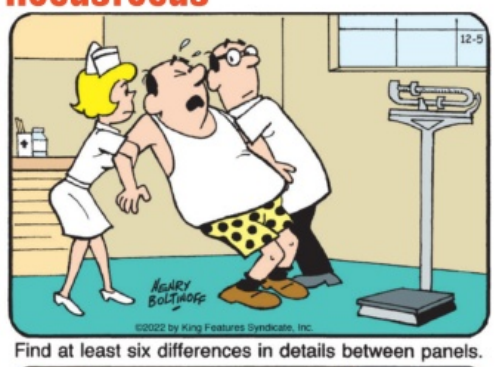
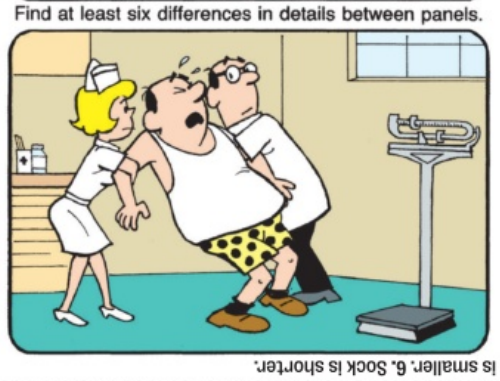


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



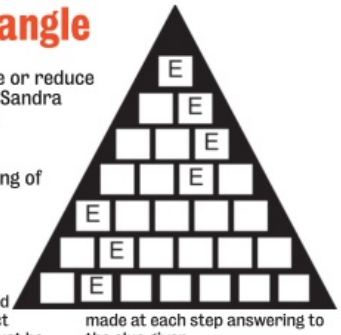
Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Scale is shorter. 3. Nurse's foot is moved. 4. Cabinet is not as wide. 5. Window is smaller. 6. Sock is shorter.

Riddler

What do the following words have in common? feminine, kindergarten, canine, overweight, threaten, cobblestone, height, done

Alpha triangle

1 Second vowel
2 Prefix for remove or reduce
3 Old time actress Sandra
4 Accomplishment
5 Finished
6 Shield
7 Stated the meaning of



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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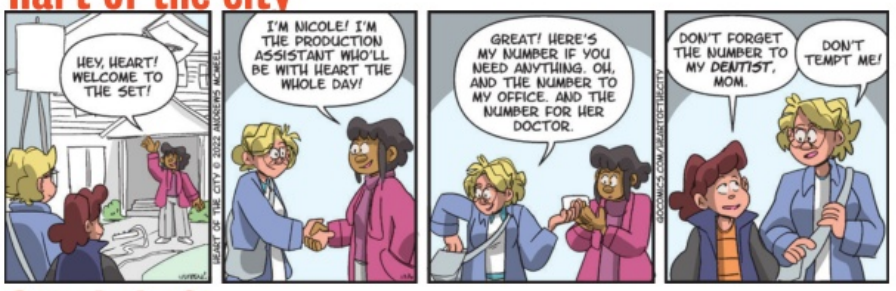
Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city


HEY, HEART! WELCOME TO THE SET!
I'M NICOLE! I'M THE PRODUCTION ASSISTANT WHO'LL BE WITH HEART THE WHOLE DAY!
GREAT! HERE'S MY NUMBER IF YOU NEED ANYTHING. OH, AND THE NUMBER TO MY OFFICE. AND THE NUMBER FOR HER DOCTOR.
DON'T FORGET THE NUMBER TO MY DENTIST, MOM.
DON'T TEMPT ME!

Crankshaft

SO IS ANYONE GOING TO TRY ONE OF LENA'S CHRISTMAS COOKIES?
I DON'T THINK SO...
IT'S TOO BAD...
YEAH... LENA'S CHRISTMAS COOKIES ARE GIVING CHRISTMAS A BAD NAME!
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be busy at work. Your network may be increased, and with the help of that, you are likely to get a big order in terms of business. You are likely to start innovations in your partnerships. You may get some investments in your business, which will grow it in the future. Your emotional relationship with your spouse will be improved.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may find yourself in a self-analysis state, which will bring some confidence in you. Your focus towards your goals is now clear and you may get success. Your creativity might improve and you will take an interest in artefacts, movies, and glamour. At the end of the day, you may feel some satisfaction related to your life. Your opponents are likely to be under control now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are likely to use your creativity to renovate your house or office. Your focus towards your goals may be good. Overworking can tire your mind, which can create anxiety, restlessness, and stress. This may affect your domestic life. Students are advised to avoid fantasy in their studies. They are advised to study with focus and dedication.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be dissatisfied. People around you may not cooperate easily. You are advised to keep patience. You are also advised to read documents carefully before signing any contracts. Making new investments in useless assets may create a bottleneck for you. Students are advised to read their subjects with patience.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be enthusiastic and focused, which may speed up your postponed projects. Your subordinates may help you to start a new project, which may bring you profits in the near future. You can expect some short trips related to your family issues. Job seekers may hear good news in terms of work.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be busy with family issues. You may take some important decisions on the domestic front. You should avoid making arguments in terms of your personal life. Your arrogance may affect domestic harmony. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in business.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today your inner strength may help you to start some new innovations on the work front. You are likely to get a big order in your parental business, which will grow in the near future. New responsibilities in your job can make you busy. Job seekers might find good work. Understanding with your spouse may be improved, which can maintain harmony in your family life.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may feel dull. Your health may not be good. You may be nervous. You may also face anxiety and restlessness. You are advised to postpone important investments in business or real estate. You are also advised to avoid rash driving. You should avoid long distance travel. Meditation can be helpful for dealing with a messy situation.

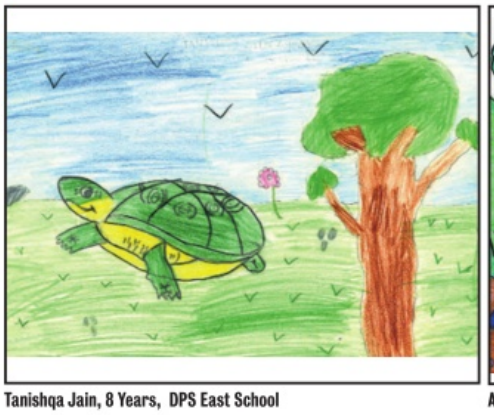
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today blessings from your elders can make you happy. Your investments can give you profits. Losses can be converted to profits now. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest in your kid's future. You may also enjoy some delicious food at home. Your problems related to throat, teeth, ear, or nose may be resolved now.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by Jupiter. Your patience becomes very good. Your focus towards your work may be very good. Your parent's health is now good. You are likely to spend your time with your elders. You may also meet some influential person who will help you out on the professional front. You may enjoy romantic moments, which may improve harmony in your domestic life.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel spiritual. You may help needy people around you. You may also plan to donate some amount to charity. Hard work may help you get success in tough projects. You may feel some divine power around you, which may help you in unpredictable situations. You may be attracted to the occult. Students are likely to enjoy studying.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel dull. You may be a victim of some hidden fear, which can make you scared. You are not in a situation to trust anyone. It is advised to do meditation or chant some prayers. Doing so may help you come out of this hypothetical situation. With the help of elders, around late evening, you may come out from a messy situation.

KIDZONE



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SOLVE IN 1M
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Joe(65)=0.7
Joe(65)/65=0.7/65
Joe^0.0108
Joe^0.0108(60)(60)
70/1=0.8/Jim
Joe^38.8800 sec
Jim(70)=1(0.8
Jim(70)=0.8
Jim(70)/70=0.8/70
Jim^0.0114
Jim^0.0114(60)(60)
Jim^41.0400 sec
Joe finishes first.

BULL'S EYE

B	O	R	E	D
R	A	R	E	R

FAST FIVE
bone, boner, bore, born, borne, BOUNCER, burn, cube, curb, robe

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
7.5 kg; 9 × 5 = 45 and 6 × 7.5 = 45

RIDDLER
They all end with the spelling of a number

QUOTE UNCODE
Short is the joy that guilty pleasure brings.

SUDOKU

2	3	4	1	9	8	5	7	6
8	1	7	3	6	5	2	4	9
6	9	5	2	4	7	1	3	8
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3	2	9	6	8	4	7	5	1
7	6	8	5	2	1	4	9	3
5	7	6	8	1	9	3	2	4
9	8	3	4	5	2	6	1	7
1	4	2	7	3	6	9	8	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
E, DE, Dee, Deed, Ended, Defend, Defined.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 – 4 + 9 + 5 = 18
Medium
4 x 2 – 1 + 6 = 13
Hard
5 – 4 + 9 – 7 = 3

LOOP

KAKURO

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Too sexy for romcoms Salma Hayek revealed in an interview with GQ that Hollywood blocked her from starring in a comedy for 20 years as she was deemed too sexy for the genre

Change of dates

Makers of the upcoming mythological romantic drama film 'Shakuntalam' has postponed the theatrical release of the film on Tuesday.

Taking to Twitter, the makers of the film shared an official statement which reads, "We regret to inform our beloved audience that we would not be able to release Shaakuntalam this 17th of February, we would be announcing the release date soon. Thank you for your continued support and love."

The post was shared with the caption, "The theatrical release of #Shaakuntalam stands postponed. The new release date will be announced soon."

Earlier the film was slated to hit the theatres on February 17, 2023.

The Pan-India mythological romantic drama stars Samantha Ruth Prabhu and Dev Mohan in lead roles.

The film is based on a popular Indian play Shakuntala by Kalidasa. Shakuntala is the wife of king Dushyant and mother of emperor Bharata. King Dushyant meets Shakuntala when he is out on a hunting trip in the jungle. They fell in love and got married as per the Gandharva system.

It will be out in Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada. **—ANI**

Shape-shifter

Why Kriti Sanon loves to experiment with her looks on screen

Not only has she surprised the audience with her acting, but also Kriti Sanon managed to grab eyeballs for her looks in her movies. From glamorous in Dilwale, ethnic in Panipat and de-glam in Mimi the actress has gone all out experimenting her looks on screen.

She says, "This is something I got to do with my last film too. The look of my character is such that it stays with people. Bhediya added a feather in my cap. When you see a picture of Dr. Anika (her character in the film), you just make it that it is from Bhediya."

She adds, "Sometimes it is also important to break the way you look and you come across on screen. However, there are so many people who will tell you, 'Oh you are an actress, you are a heroine, why would you not be glamorous? You are a glam looking girl, why would you de-glam yourself? Why would you go with that short hair on screen?' So, such opinions and suggestions come from everywhere. But I feel that as actors it is important to look different. Even actors abroad look so different in every film."

Kriti says that she is not insecure as an actor and would love to experiment even in future. She says, "I am not insecure about the way I look and the way I am presented. So, I like to mix it up, which I am doing, like my upcoming film has me in a great look.". **—Onkar Kulkarni, ETimes**

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Nine times the fun

Bollywood actress Swara Bhasker, who is known for films like 'Raanjhanaa', 'Anaarkali of Aarah', 'Veere Di Wedding' and several others, is set to portray nine characters in her upcoming film.

The actress has replicated the vintage fashion from the yesteryear for her upcoming film 'Mrs. Falani' in which she will be seen in nine varied avatars pulling off 9 different characters. The characters range between 30 to 42 years and shall belong to 9 different states.

Sharing her experience, Swara said: "'Mrs. Falani' is going to be the most challenging film of my life. Undoubtedly, it is every actor's dream to play so many different characters in one film. I am amazed at learning the intricacies that range from homemaker to home-maker every ten miles. I am really stoked about it!"

Interestingly, Swara shall be playing a home-maker representing different states such as Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Punjab apart from others and reportedly, Swara has also got her nose pierced for the film. **— IANS**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Cot in the middle

Director EV Ganesh Babu is gearing up to release his latest movie in Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Tamil. Ganesh Babu, who has directed Tamil drama Oruthi and Yamuna, has selected a rural subject for his latest movie. It is expected to be released as Kattil in Tamil and Mancha in Kannada and Telugu. A song video of Mancha's Kannada version was released recently. The song – Deguladi Vaasaviro - is sung by Sid Sriram and music is scored by Srikant Deva, the son of music director Deva.

According to the director, the movie revolves around a cot that served three generations of a family at a village and the movie also throws some light on Indian traditions, customs, and values. It is said that its Tamil version – Kattil – won an award at Innovative International Film Festival. "The movie also throws some light on how families in rural areas are gradually discontinuing traditions, customs and relations," said Ganesh Babu, who plays the lead and has also bankrolled this movie. The added value of the Kannada version is lyrics and dialogues by Varadaraja Chikkaballapura who wrote the lyric – Srivalli – for Telugu movie Pushpa.

Srushti Dange, who has acted in Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam movies, debuts in Kannada with this movie.

Thrilling story

The Central Board of Film Certification has issued a UA certificate for Kadala Theerada Bhargava, a psychological suspense thriller scheduled for release either in the first or second week of March. As per the norm, children below 12 years are advised to watch a UA certificate movie under parental guidance.

"This movie is a psychological suspense thriller. It was shot in the coastal region and Bengaluru. I have worked as an associate under a few tele serial directors and Kannada movie directors," said Pannaga Somashekar, a resident of JP Nagar who is making a debut as a director in Sandalwood with this movie.

The director said arrangements are being made to release the film's trailer on February 13. "We have approached a few prominent actors of Sandalwood. We are yet to get confirmation from the actors who are available for the launch of the trailer," said the director.

The director is said to have quit his job as a software engineer in 2016 to try his luck with direction. "The movie went on floors pre-covid and it was completed after the pandemic. Till date, we have released three songs of this movie and its teaser," he said.